

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

MONTHLY MEETING – JUNE 5, 2019



Meeting Called to Order at 6:04 pm by Vice Chair Coleman

Roll Call: Present –

- **Commissioners:** Vice Chair Coleman, Commissioner Fung, Commissioner Futrell, Commissioner Gilford, Advisor Henrion, Commissioner Herlihy, Commissioner Piner, Commissioner Rivera, Commissioner Rodriguez, and Commissioner Wiles
- **Executive Director:** Claudine McDonald
- **Absent:** Chair King, Commissioner Hemstead
- **Guests:** Meg Allen – Neighborhood Liaison, Patricia Rivera - Resident and Aruny Phanekham, Intern

Presentation:

Minutes: Commissioner Piner moved the May 1st minutes be approved. Commissioner Gilford seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Public Invited to Speak: None.

Chair Report:

- o Prepared an annual report to present on June 18th at 4:00 pm in the Mt. Elbert room to the Public Relations, Communications, Tourism, Libraries, Boards and Commissions, and Citizens Group (PRCTLBCCG)
- o Approval of report is in process with Community Relations Department

Manager's Report:

- Volunteer agreements must be signed yearly by all commissioners and volunteers
- There will no longer be voice recordings of meetings but Roberts Rules will still stand.
- Motions for voting will be taken by individual responses of yes or no in roll call order.
- Annual report presentation submission is incomplete and will need further feedback, an extension will be requested by Community Relations Department (CRD).
- Proclamations were presented to the Commission to be taken forth by HRC with the support of CRD. Commission discussed purpose, expectations, and benefits of proclamations.
- Proclamations must be given two month in advance and the CRD will support with drafting and edits.
- Commissioner Hempstead moved HRC to take on responsibilities of proclamations. Commissioner Fung seconded the motion. Proclamations approved.
- Interests in the City Wide Tour for the HRC to combine with other commissions to take tour, Meg Allen, Neighborhood Liaison gave information on topic.
 - o The usual process for the City Wide Tour is eight hours but can be customized. The tour consists of travel of all six wards, jurisdictions, history of Aurora, includes lunch, etc.
 - o Commissioners are interested and planning is in order.
- SharePoint page deadline had been extended due to the Aurora Youth Expo (AYE)
- AYE was presented as a call of action to the Aurora Chief of Police announcement of the number of youth homicides made at the Aurora Key Community Relations Division (AKCRT) meeting on May 7th.
 - o Aurora Mental Health and the Second Chance Center collaborated with CRD to discuss a free summer free of violence
 - o Funds raised in a three week period of \$10,000 from Aurora Mental Health, Cherry Creek Schools.
 - o Actions are in place to provide resources and seminars for parents and youth along with activities and opportunities for the youth.

- Questioning of what may be initiating the violence of the youth in Aurora
 - Gang unit provided information during the AKCRT meeting for possible cause of violent up rise may be due to gang members from Denver now residing in Aurora.
- CRD to ask if any commissioners were interested to join planning committees
 - Commissioner Futrell and Rivera agreed to be at the next Aurora Youth Expo planning meeting on 6/6/19
- Archived items in CRD have been restored and ready for HRC use as needed. The previous Colfax Walk items were archives discussed.
 - CRD questioned how the communication to the community was established in the past. The response was there had not been any present only communication to the shop owners existed.
 - Advertisement/marketing was suggested via partnerships with other commissions, giving community awareness by posting on social media. Posts on social media would contain animated videos created by the city to inform community of upcoming events.
- Interests for attending a City Wide Tour was asked for possibilities of July or August dates, all commissioners were wanting to attend.

Henrion's Nuggets:

- Council voted four out of six to rezone Monday, June 3rd the Denver Meadows
- EEOC cases: Greyhound was sued by EOC due to a woman who was not allowed to wear a head scarf per her beliefs.
- Aaron's rental company is being sued for half a million dollars due to racial harassment.

Commissioner City Council Contact Reports:

- No report.

Committee Reports:

- Events/Forums: Black History Art competition updates:
- Commissioner Hempstead and Fung have found a possible collaboration with the University of Arizona who solicit students from Colorado for possible scholarships and a paid trip to see the campus in Arizona.
- Top ten prizes to include all Aurora Schools also in the Cherry Creek district.
- Suggestions for Rocky Mountain Arts as a resource for scholarship prizes was mentioned.
- Kenny Webb has been added to the curriculum as DAVA is presented as the location for the event although occupancy size is a concern. Suggestions made are to have the showcasing at a different location while the winners attend an award ceremony at DAVA.
- Aaron Vega is the connection to the People's Building where Art could be displayed from the competition. Meg from the Neighborhood Services Liaison team will connect Commissioner Hempstead and Fung.
- Commissioner Hempstead visited the Mango House and spoke to the manager Jason about having the competition take place there then was referred to the owner for information.
- Art pieces will be the same size measuring at 18x24 inches with one week for showing and a tentative ceremony date of February 29, 2020 with possible catering.
- Project remains.
- Training: Commissioner Futrell shared that he has reached out to the representatives and is waiting for response and he will be in contact to collaborate with Race Forum
- Outreach/Partnership: Meg from the Neighborhood Liaison team updated on her resources she presented from the last HRC meeting the book, "Building Communities in Community" and "The Art of Neighboring."
 - Information in the booklet lists number of ways to think of benefits and challenges
 - Who are my neighbors: Have residents draw their neighborhood and build relationships by having a block party.

- Commissioner Gilford asked if there were sister resources and a way to test pilot a neighborhood app. Non-profits and having progressive dinner block parties were a suggestion and access to Next Door app, city communications team has access.
- There will be no charge for graphics and printing needed. Meg will be support for Vice Chair Coleman and Commissioner Piner for project.

Communications: Mentioning of difficulty contacting council members, suggestions are to try emailing them.

Talking Points:

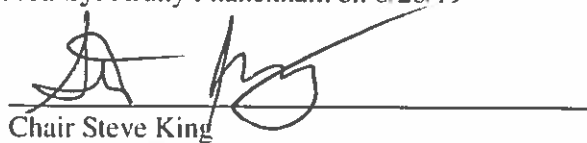
- The Aurora Youth Expo an event put together as a call to action from the Aurora Chief of Police focusing on the Youth ages 11-19. The event is set for June 22, 2019 from 10:00 am-2:00 pm
- HRC is to take over proclamations, CRD will be of support for the process.
- Black History Art competition will remain.
- City Tour dates to be determined for HRC and VAC to attend.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53 pm

NEXT MEETING: The next HRC meeting will be held on July 3, 2019 in the Aspen Room at 6:00 pm.

Minutes Transcribed by: Aruny Phanekham on 6/26/19

APPROVED:


Chair Steve King